



Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church

Serving Christ in the Heart of Detroit

Sunday, March 21, 2021

As the Prelude begins, we enter into a time of prayer and reflection as we gather for worship.

PRELUDE “Irish Tune from County Derry” Percy Grainger/Dana Paul Perna

INTROIT “The 23rd Psalm” Bobby McFerrin

PRAYER OF THE DAY Paul Booker

HYMN No. 450 “Be Thou My Vision” Slane

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRIPTURE LESSONS: Matthew 25:1-13

This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SERMON “God in Plain Sight: Oil” Rev. Matthew Nickel

ANTHEM “Keep Your Lamps” Victor C. Johnson

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, the time is drawing nigh. Children, don't get weary until your work is done.
Soon this journey will be over, the time is drawing nigh.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERING & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Offerings can be made online at www.japc.org/give

HYMN No. 771 “What Is the World Like” New World

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Fugue in e minor” J. S. Bach

***As the postlude concludes worship in the sanctuary,
you are invited to listen and reflect as you carry your worship into the world.***

Announcements

You are welcome here. You belong here: A special welcome goes to guests and visitors. Our hope is that you feel like you belong, in this faith community.

The Board of Deacons encourages prayers for Alice Bancroft, Fred Black, Wanda Black, Donna Burt, Mardi Carruthers, Leslie Chamas, Anna Cherven, Brian Head, Sue Head, Ken Holden, Kathy Horlocker, the Itchon family, Kathi Johnson, Priscilla Kelsey, Phillip Kent, Brad & Angie Klein & family, Chris Klinger, Lesley Lambright, Charlotte & Sara Maters, Eleanor Mobley, Fred Roberts, Johnnie Walker II, Tom Winger, JAPC military; Capt. Michael Boyle, for people impacted by Covid-19, and those supporting people affected by coronavirus.

Prayer Requests – Let your Deacons pray with and for you. You may send your prayer requests to the Deacons using prayer@japc.org or you can also call prayer requests to the church office and Pastor Matt (313)822-3456.

Today's Worship Participants – Vocalists: Stephen Bobalik, Katy Kujala, Brien Meehan, Deborah Nero, Sophia Raptis and Rose Randall Warner. Usher: Paula Cole, Judy Agley and Keith Wicks. Liturgist: Paul Booker.

Today's Postlude is played in honor of Johann Sebastian Bach's 336th birthday.

Today's Chancel Flowers are given to the glory of God by Tom Thompson in loving memory of his parents, Roy Edward and Edythe Irvine Thompson.

Easter Brass Stewards - Easter brass is possible because of financial gifts. Would you like to help underwrite the cost of the brass quartet for the Easter worship service? Please note "Easter Music" on your check.

Lenten Sermon Series: God in Plain Sight - In Lent, we will focus our attention on our experience with God through some common objects that Jesus would have encountered on his journey to Jerusalem. May we deepen our experience on an extraordinary grace through reflecting on these ordinary things.

Palm Sunday | Mark 11:1-11 | "Coats"

Maundy Thursday | John 13 | "Towels"

Good Friday | John 18-19 | "Thorns"

Easter Sunday | Mark 16:1-8 | "Stones"

Organ Recital Featuring Stephen Warner – Join us on Wednesday, March 24 (7:30 p.m.) for an organ recital presented by our own Stephen Warner. The recital will feature works related to Lent and Easter by Jean Langlais, Gattried Walker, Paul Manz and Charles-Marie Widor. It will also feature a composition depicting the spirit of Dr. Martin Luther King by James Lee III. The recital will be live and streamed. Admission is free!

Online Prayer Meeting - Close your day with a short prayer service from the Book of Common Worship. Together, we offer prayers for our church, community, and world. The service is Thursday March 25 at 7:00pm on Zoom. For video go to: <http://bit.ly/japcprayerservice> Meeting ID: 869 7656 7804 Passcode: 123 - to participate by phone dial 312-626-6799, enter Meeting ID: 869 7656 7804 and use Passcode: 123

All Church Work Day - An All Church Work Day will be held on Saturday, March 27, from 9 a.m. to noon. Whether you can commit a short time or several hours, your help is needed. There is a task for everyone! Please plan to join us. To volunteer visit <http://bit.ly/japcworkday2021march> or contact Margie in the church office (margie@japc.org).

Palm Sunday Brunch - The Deacons will bring back the beloved tradition of hosting Palm Sunday Brunch on March 28th. As much as we all want to break bread together in Dodge Hall, we are not quite there yet so this will be a grab and go version. The Deacons are preparing enough for 75. Once the meals are gone, you'll have to wait until next year! Brunch will consist of our 3 traditional favorites; French Toast Casserole, Egg Cheese and Sausage Casserole and Vegetarian Egg Florentine Casserole.

Sunday Morning Ushers: Sign up to welcome, greet, and help people find their way before worship. Visit <http://bit.ly/japcusherssignup> for details and sign-up.

Who is God Calling to Faithful Serve? — The JAPC Nominating Committee seeks to identify members of the church to serve as elders and deacons. Are you or someone you know called to serve? Elders (who serve as the Session) exercise leadership, governance, spiritual discernment and discipline, and have responsibilities for the life and ministries of the church. Deacons should be people who demonstrate spiritual character, model Christian living, share compassion, pray for the church, and show sound judgment. Please prayerfully consider members of the congregation who might humbly serve as spiritual leaders on behalf of the congregation as Elders and Deacons. Please email you nominations (including self-nominations) with name, the role, and reason why you nominate them to nominations@japc.org and please pray for those persons God is preparing to serve.